

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A method of operating with content items in a community-based recommendation system; the method comprising the steps of:

- initializing (203) a first element of a user preference profile with a first preference value, the first element being associated with a first content item;
- determining (205) at least one related content item related to the first content item; and
- setting (207) a second preference value of an element of the user preference profile, associated with the at least one related content item.

2. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of receiving information (201) of an availability of the first content item.

3. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second preference value is similar to the first preference value.

4. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first preference value is a high preference value.

5. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein an equivalence of the first preference value and the second preference value is determined in response to a degree of similarity between the first content item and the at least one related content item.

6. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, further including the steps of determining if the first content item is a new content item and wherein the steps of initializing, determining and setting are only performed if the first content item is new.

7. (original) A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the information of an availability of the content item is received from a source which is not part of the community-based recommendation system.

8. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one related content item is determined from a category to which the first content item belongs.

9. (original) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the category is determined from a correspondence of at least one of the following:

- a. an artist;
- b. a content item type; and
- c. a music style.

10. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of setting the first preference value in response to a predetermined preference value profile.

11. (original) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the first preference value determined in response to the predetermined preference value profile is determined in response to a characteristic of the first content item.

12. (original) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the step of initializing (203) a first element of the user preference profile with the first preference value comprises determining a category of the first content item and setting the first preference value to the predetermined preference value profile for the category.

13. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- initializing an element of a second user preference profile with a preference value, the element being associated with the first content item;
- determining at least one related content item related to the first content item; and
- setting a further preference value of an element of the second user preference profile associated with the at least one related content item.

14. (currently amended) A computer program enabling a method to be carried out according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1.

15. (original) A record carrier comprising a computer program as claimed in claim 14.

16. (original) An apparatus for operating with content items in a community-based recommendation system; the apparatus comprising:

- a receiver (117) for receiving information of an availability of a first content item;
- an initialization processor (123) for initializing a first element of a user preference profile with a first preference

value, the first element being associated with the first content item;

- a relation processor (125) determining at least one related content item related to the first content item; and
- a profile processor (127) for setting a second preference value of an element of the user preference profile associated with the at least one related content item.

17. (original) A community-based recommendation system comprising an apparatus as claimed in claim 16.